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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed in response to both the Office Action mailed April 8, 2003, having a reply due date of July 8, 2003, and the Advisory Action mailed August 5, 2003. An amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 was filed on July 8, 2003, but was not entered by the Examiner. The Applicant respectfully requests, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a three month extension of time in which to file this Request for Continued Examination and preliminary amendment and submits herewith a check in the amount of \$475 for payment of the small-entity fee therefor under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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